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PRESS TREATMENT CUBA CRISIS CONTINUES TO PLAY UP WORLD-WIDE APPRECIATION FOR "WISE, PEACE-LOVING POLICY" OF SOVIET UNION, CONTRASTING THIS APPROACH WITH DANGEROUS "POSITIONS OF STRENGTH" POLICY ALLEGEDLY PURSUED BY US.

IZVESTIYA OBSERVER POLYANOV IN OCTOBER 31 ARTICLE SAYS LESSON OF RECENT EVENTS IS THAT WORLD TENSIONS CAN BE LESSENED ONLY BY NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT BY TESTS OF FORCE. POINTS TO DANGER OF WAR IN US BRINKSMANSHIP, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY APPEARANCE OF US PLANE OVER CHUKOTSK PENINSULA. SAYS US MUST NOW MAKE CONCRETE MOVES TO CARRY OUT ITS PROMISE NOT TO MIX IN CUBAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND THIS IS WHY USSR AND OTHER PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES WARMLY SUPPORT CASTRO'S RECENT DEMANDS. POLYANOV ASSERTS, "FULFILLMENT OF THESE DEMANDS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE CUBAN SECURITY", LEAVING IT UNCERTAIN WHETHER THIS IS EXPRESSION OF HIS OWN VIEW OR THAT OF CASTRO.

IN SIMILAR VEIN, NOVEMBER 1 RED STAR COMMENTATOR SHIRYAMOV ENUMERATES CASTRO DEMANDS AND SUGGESTS THESE ARE MOST IMPORTANT AMONG MEASURES WHICH "HUMANITY EXPECTS" US TO TAKE IN CONFIRMING COMMITMENT TO RESPECT INTEGRITY OF CUBA'S TERRITORY.

FOREGOING FORMULATIONS CLARIFYING ON CASTRO DEMANDS INDICATE MOSCOW STILL TREATING THEM WITH CIRCUMSPECTION, AVOIDING ANY LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD MAKE FULFILLMENT OF THESE DEMANDS, OR ANY PART OF THEM, PRECONDITION TO DISMANTLING AND REMOVAL OF OFFENSIVE SOVIET WEAPONS. FOR MOMENT AT LEAST, FREQUENT REFERENCES TO CASTRO DEMAND APPEAR CONSTITUTE PART OF CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO

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ADVENTURE AND TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR FURTHER PROPAGANDA ATTACKS
AGAINST US ACTIONS AND POLICIES INVOLVING CUBA.

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